



IFW


PTO/SB/21 (02-04)

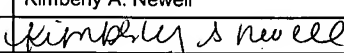
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/735,370
	Filing Date	December 12, 2003
	First Named Inventor	ACKERMAN et al.
	Art Unit	1762
	Examiner Name	Katherine A. BAREFORD
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	130013/11921 (21635-0116)

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <div>Remarks</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Return Receipt Postcard; Certificate of Mailing; Cited References (4); Copy of International Search Report (3 pages)

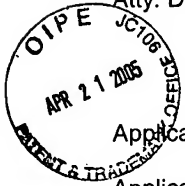
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC Shawn K. Leppo, Attorney Reg. No. 50,311
Signature	 #50,311
Date	April 19, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.			
Typed or printed name	Kimberly A. Newell		
Signature		Date	April 19, 2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Application No.: 10/735,370
Atty. Docket No. 130013/11921 (21635-0116)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	ACKERMAN et al.)	Group Art Unit:	1762
)		
Application No.:	10/735,370)	Examiner:	Katherine A. BAREFORD
)		
Filed:	December 12, 2003)	Atty. Docket No.	130013/11921
)		(21635-0116)

For: ARTICLE PROTECTED BY A THERMAL BARRIER COATING HAVING A
CERIU OXIDE-ENRICHED SURFACE PRODUCED BY PRECURSOR
INFILTRATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

The following are included with this Information Disclosure Statement:

- ☒ **A. PTO/SB/08**
- ☒ **B. CERTIFICATION**
(37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)-before final Office Action or allowance)
- ☐ **C. \$180.00 FEE PAYMENT**
(37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)-before final Office Action or allowance)
- ☐ **D. \$180.00 PETITION, CERTIFICATION & PETITION FEE
PAYMENT**
(37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)-before issue fee payment)

The following are submitted in the above-identified application in
compliance with 37 CFR 1.98:

- ☐ **I. A copy of each listed U.S. Patent and U.S. Patent application
publication [1.98(a)(2)(i)].**
- ☒ **II. A copy of each listed foreign patent and/or published foreign patent
application. For each listed foreign patent and/or published foreign
patent application [1.98(a)(2)]:**

- ☒ a) the English language version or an English translation if not published in English, if available (see PTO-1449)[1.98(a)(3)]; and/or
 - ☐ b) U.S. counterpart patents or English language equivalents of the foreign patents or published foreign patent applications (see PTO-1449); and/or
 - ☐ c) a concise explanation of the relevance of the listed patents, publications or other information (see PTO-1449, foreign search report or other, attached), as it is presently understood by the person signing this disclosure, since no English translation is currently available[1.98(a)(3)].
- ☐ III. A copy of each listed publication, other than published foreign applications: For each listed publication [1.98(a)(2)]:
- ☐ (a) an English translation, if available, when the original publication is not in the English language (see PTO-1449)[1.98(a)(3)];
 - ☐ (b) a concise explanation of the listed publications (see PTO-1449), as it is presently understood by the person signing this disclosure, since no English translation is currently available [1.98(a)(3)].
- ☐ IV. For any other listed information, a copy of the information or that portion which caused it to be listed (see PTO-1449)[1.98(a)(2)(iii)].
- ☐ V. Each listed U.S. Patent, Publication or other information that was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application, which application is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120 [1.98(d)].
- ☒ VI. Copies of each listed U.S. Patent and U.S. Patent application publication are not being submitted herewith pursuant to a waiver of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) by the USPTO on July 11, 2003 for applications filed after June 30, 2003.

This information is submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 because:

- ☐ 1. This information disclosure is submitted within three months of the filing date of the application, or before the mailing date of the first office action on the merits of the application [1.97(b)].
- ☒ 2. This information disclosure is submitted before the mailing date of a final action in this application under 1.113[1.97(c)] and the requisite statement or fee is provided (see items 6 or 7 below).

- ☐ 3. This information disclosure is submitted before the mailing date of a notice of allowance under 1.311 [1.97(c)] and the requisite statement or fee is provided (see items 6 or 7 below).
- ☐ 4. This information disclosure is submitted after the mailing date of a final action under 1.113 [1.97(d)] and the requisite statement and fee is provided (see items 6 and 8 below).
- ☐ 5. This information disclosure is submitted after the mailing date of a notice of allowance under 1.311, but before the payment of the issue fee [1.97(d)] and the requisite statement and fee is provided (see items 6 and 8 below).
- ☒ 6. This information disclosure statement is submitted with the statement required for items 2, 3, 4 or 5 above [1.97(c), (d), (e)]:
- ☒ **I, Shawn K. Leppo, hereby state the following:**
- ☒ **Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.**
- ☐ **No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing this certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this information disclosure was known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.**
- ☐ 7. This information disclosure statement is submitted with the fee of \$180 set forth in 1.17(p) [see items 2 and 3 above]. Please charge this fee and any other fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-1059. (Please note, no fee is required for items 2 and 3 above if the Item 6 statement is provided).

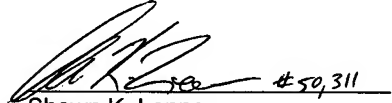
Application No.: 10/735,370
Atty. Docket No. 130013/11921 (21635-0116)

- ☐ 8. Please charge this fee and any other fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-1059.

Dated: April 19, 2005

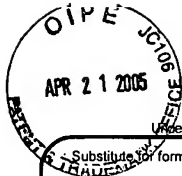
Respectfully submitted,

McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn K. Leppo", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the number "#50,311" is handwritten.

Shawn K. Leppo
Reg. No. 50,311
100 Pine Street
P.O. Box 1166
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1166

Phone: (717) 237-5218
Fax: (717) 237-5300



Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number 10/735,370
Filing Date December 12, 2003
First Named Inventor ACKERMAN et al.
Art Unit 1762
Examiner Name Katherine A. BAREFORD
Attorney Docket Number 130013/11921 (21635-0116)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
	A	US- 6,296,945 B1	10-02-2001	SUBRAMANIAN RAMESH	
	B	US- 6,187,453 B1	02-13-2001	MALONEY MICHAEL J.	
	C	US-			
	D	US-			
	E	US-			
	F	US-			
	G	US-			
	H	US-			
	I	US-			
	J	US-			
	K	US-			
	L	US-			
	M	US-			
	N	US-			
	O	US-			
	P	US-			
	Q	US-			
	R	US-			
	S	US-			
	T	US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ³
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	1	EP 1 295 965 A	03-26-2003	General Electric Co.		
	2	WO 02/27066 A	04-04-2002	Siemens Westinghouse Power Corp.		
	3	EP 1 304 397 A	04-23-2003	General Electric Co.		
	4	EP 1 327 704 A	07-16-2003	General Electric Co.		

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



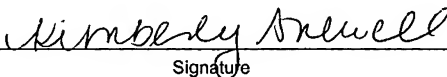
Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on April 19, 2005

Date



Signature

Kimberly A. Newell

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Return Receipt Postcard
Transmittal Form
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (4 pages)
PTO/SB/08
Cited References (4)
European Search Report (3 pages)

Attorney Docket No.: 130013/11921 (21635-0116)
Application No.: 10/735,370
Filed: December 12, 2003

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.8. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.8 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.